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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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05/12/2014: James, KG4JSZ and, Timothy KI4GMR will be active as KG4JSZ on 5th December from Cedar Keys (NA-076), Levy county, Florida. QRV mostly on 15 metres, may e-mail to schedule (kg4jsz[at]arrl.net QSL via KG4JSZ, direct and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

06/12/2014: Volker, DJ8VW, will be active as 5P8VW from Romo Island (EU-125) between 6-20th December, 2014. Activity will be on 160-6 metres, including WARC bands. QSL to his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL. [OPDX Bulletin]

06/12/2014: Svein, LA9JKA reports that "This years work brings me to Bear Island [Bjornoya] (IOTA EU-027, WW Loc. JQ78WP). This will be a sparetime-operation. I've learnt some after sparetime-expedtions on Jan Mayen, and will be focusing on Bands from 160m-6m. Equiment is limited, due to rules of work. QRV: Approx 6th of December 2014. QRT: Approx. 30th of May 2015. Focus on 160m will be in winter, and 6m in springtime." QSL via home call, direct only (see QRZ.com). [DXAT]

06/12/2014: Members from Radio Club de Concepcion (CE5JA) will be active from Quiriquina Island (IOTA SA-070, DICE ICE-501, WLOTA 0445) as XR5JA during the weekend of 6-7th December, 2014. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via CE5JA, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

08/12/2014: Bengt, SM7EQL and Ronnie, SM7DKF will be active from the island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA 1336) as J6/homecall between 8-17th December, 2014. QRV holiday-style, 20-10m CW only. QSL J6/SM7EQL via SM6JSM. QSL J6/SM7DKF via home call. [DX-World]

09/12/2014: Andrea, IK1PMR and Claudia, PA3LEO will be active as EA8/homecalls from the island of Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, Grid Loc. IL18), Canary Islands (AF-004). Activity will take place between 9th December 2014 and 8th January 2015. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, RTTY and SSB. QSL via HB9FKK (preferred - direct or Bureau) or home calls (Bureau only). LoTW and ClubLog will also be used. Website: www.ik1pmr.com/ [NG3K]

11/12/2014: Nick, G3RWF, is heading back to Southern Africa for a 5 week holiday starting in Lesotho and being active as 7P8NH between 11-14th December 2014. He will also be on the air from South Africa from about 18th December 2014 to 5th January 2015 as ZS1/G3RWF, and then from Namibia from about 6-13th January 2015 as V5/G3RWF. Listen for him on the higher bands on CW (no SSB). QSL via OQRS to G3RWF and LoTW. [DXAT]

12/12/2014: Harald, DF2WO, will again be active holiday-style from Praia, on the southern coast of Santiago Island (AF-005) in the Sotavento Islands group, Cape Verde Islands, as D44TWO between 12th December 2014 and 8th January 2015. QRV on HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO. Activity follows his operation as XT2AW. [DX-World]

12/12/2014: Joe, K5KUA will once again return to Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S), Galveston county, Texas, and will operate as K5KUA/5 between 12-14 December, 2014. QRV on the HF bands, CW only when time permits. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

12/12/2014: Ryosei, JH0IXE, will be active once again as T8CW from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Koror Island, Republic of Palau (OC-009) between 25th December 2014 and 5th January 2015. QRV on all bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL T8CW via JA0FOX, Bureau preferred. [Palau Radio Club]

LOOKING AHEAD -

22/12/2014: Din, YB4RW will be active as YB8RW/8 Banda Neira island, Banda Archipelago (OC-157), Maluku province, Indonesia, from 22-27 December. QRV on 40-10m CW and SSB. QSL via YB8RW, direct / OQRS. [rsgbiota.org]

24/12/2014: On Christmas-Eve, 2014, Clemens DL2GAN plans to get on the air on 14MHz and 21MHz (just as he did in Nov. 2012). SSB is planned, but if conditions are bad, Clemens will operate CW instead. Power: Medium 50 to 100W pep. He will be operating from the QTH of Satish 9N1AA. Time of operation: from 8.00am to 2.00pm UTC roughly. Exact time of operation is not yet known! QSL via DL2GAN, direct or Bureau. [DX-World]

31/12/2014: Larry, K4KGG will be active from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA 0201) as VP9/K4KGG between 31st December, 2014 and 5th January, 2015. QRV on the HF bands, logs uploaded to LoTW / ClubLog. QSL direct or bureau via W3HNK. [DX-World]

30/05/2015: Carsten, OY1CT plans a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m or 15m)/High-Power entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (30-31 May, 2015) from Kvivik, Streymoy Island (WLOTA 2216), Faroe Islands (EU-018, CQ zone 14). QSL direct only (see QRZ.com). [NG3K]

24/07/2015: Operators Bernard G3SHF, Carsten G0SYP, Tom M0DCG, Evan M0TJU, Dave G0LZL, Pete M1PTR and Kieron M5KJM will be active as GI5O from Rathlin Island (EU-122, WLOTA 0039) from 24-26 July, 2015. QRV on all HF bands, including an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (25-26 July). The team will be operating from the Rathlin East (Altacarry Head) High Lighthouse (ARLHS NTI-011, Admiralty A6062). QSL via Bureau or M5KJM. [rsgbiota.org]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

07/12/2014: For the 14th West Japan Ham Fair, Kyushu Shima [shima = island] (AS-077, WLOTA 0963) special event station 8J6HAM will be active on all HF bands and modes, plus the satellites, from 7th December 2014 until 1st March 2015. QSL via the Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

10/12/2014: From 10-16 December 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/7 will be operated by Matt K7BG, located in Power, Cascade County, State of Montana. W1AW/9 will be operated by Mike K9NW, from the QTH of K9UWA located in Leo, Allen County, State of Indiana. QSLs preferred via LoTW. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

06/12-07/12 XR5JA: Isla Quiriquina WLOTA:0445 QSL CE5JA (d/B)
07/12-1/3/15 8J6HAM: Kyushu Shima WLOTA:0963 QSL Buro
08/12-17/12 J6/SM7DKF: St. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)

08/12-17/12 J6/SM7EQL: St. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL SM6JSM (d/B)
09/12-8/1/15 EA8/IK1PMR: Tenerife Isl WLOTA:1276 QSL HB9FKK (d/B)
09/12-8/1/15 EA8/PA3LEO: Tenerife Isl WLOTA:1276 QSL HB9FKK (d/B)

6 METRES & UP -

06/12-07/12 ARRL EME Competition 50-1296 MHz 06 0000z-31 2400z
06/12-07/12 NZART V/U/SHF Field Day 6m & Up 06 0500z-09 0100z
06/12 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 1700z-1800z
07/12 FISTS Two Metre Activity CW/SO/2m 0900z-1000z
09/12 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
09/12 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
09/12 SPAC 432MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
09/12 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
10/12 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
11/12 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
11/12 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
11/12 SPAC 50MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

PJ7PK CARDS, ALL SENT -
All cards sent via direct, buro and club QSL services.
We hope NA-247 was a nice early Xmas present for you!
73 Col, MM0NDX / PJ7PK team

QSLs via Bureau: 4S7DFG, 5V7TH, 5X1NH, 6W/GM4FDM, 9L5A, A25SV, AH0BT, EG2INT, FG/DM1DZ, J28NC, J38XX, JD1BMH, P29ZAD, S79K, T88CP, TJ3AY, V26VP, VP2ETN, XV2JJ and ZD9XF.

QSLs via Direct: 4W/G3ZEM (OQRS), E51NOU (N7OU), HK0/UA4WHX [NA-033] (H/c), HL1VAU/2 [AS-122] (H/c), P29NI [OC-258] (G3KHZ), RI0X [AS-064] (OQRS), RI44ANT [AN-010] (UA4WHX) and XR0ZR (IV3DSH).

QSLs via LoTW: 3V8SS, 4L8A, 4O3A, 6Y6N, 7O2A, 8P2K, 8Q7DV, 9A2AJ, 9A3TR, 9A6C, 9A7DX, A45XR, A71BX, AD4ES, AI9T, AJ6V, AL1G, AL9A, CE2MVF, CF3CCO, CN2AA, CR3A, CR6K, CV3D, CW5W, DF3FS, DJ5AN, DK4M, DL2R, DL3EBX, DL3YM, DL4MCF, DR4A, E77A, EA1WX, EA4KR, EA7KB, ED1R, EF3A, EF8O, EI2CN, EI4BZ, ES5G, EU1AA, EV1R, F5IN, F5MUX, F5RD, F8CRS, G3R, G4FKA, G4PIQ, GM5X, GU4YOX, GW4J, HA3NU, HB9CA, HB9CZF, HG6C, HK1NA, IC8POF, IK2IKW, IR2L, IV3XNF, K0RF, K1LT, K1ZR, K3LR, K4MM, K5XR, K5ZD, K5ZO, K6RIM, K6XT, K7MY, K9OM, KL7RA, KN4Y, KZ5D, LA3S, LI5O, LO2F, LY3X, LY5T, LZ2PS, LZ9W, M3W, M6O, M7W, MW5R, N2IC, N4BP, N4PN, N5JR, N6RO, N7TR, N7US, N7XU, NG7A, NP2P, OG2A, OH0V, OH5BM, OH6DX, OH8WW, OK6DJ, OK6W, OL5W, OL8M, OL9R, OT4A, OT6M, OX5T, P3F, P33W, P49Y, PJ4Q, PS5A, PP1CZ, PP5KR, PW2D, PX2X, PY3OZ, PY4ZO, R9RA, RA9AP, RM2D, RM3F, RT3F, S50K, S51TA, S56A, SM6CNN, SN2B, SN2M, SN7Q, TF3CW, TM5A, UX4U, V26K, V4/WJ2O, VA2WA, VC3M, VE2EBK, VE2FU, VE3GFN, VE3OM, VE3RZ, VE3SB, VE3XD, VE4EA, VE5UF, VE6WQ, VE7CV, VE7SZ, VE9AA, VE9ML, VK2DX, VK2PN, VP2EIM, VY2SS, W5MF, W5ZO, W6OAT, W7RN, WE9V, WN6K, WU2X, XE2AU, XE2B, YL2014S, YL5T, YL9T, YO9HP, YS1YS, YT1BX, YT6A, YT8T, YT9A, YU1DW, YV1KK, Z33F Z35F, ZF1A, ZM1A, ZW5B and ZW8T.

BITS & PIECES -

Date: 4 December 2014
Press Release: K1N Navassa Island DXpedition
From: KP1-5 Project

The KP1-5 Project and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have been working together on preparations for our joint 14 day visit to Navassa Island NWR. Although the actual dates may still vary, it now appears we will begin transport to the Island during the last week of January 2015.

Our container of equipment and supplies will depart late in December enroute to our helicopter staging area. All of our equipment is being assembled, tested and packed.

We have visited and contracted with the largest helicopter operations group in the Caribbean to transfer personnel and equipment to the island. Our window of opportunity, dictated by USFWS, is during the period of least bird nesting. But it is also the time of the most treacherous seas, making a safe sea landing of all our equipment and people all but impossible. The famous "ladder" used to access the island at Lulu Bay was removed when the U.S. Coast Guard turned administration over to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. For safety reasons, the USFWS uses helicopter transport to the island and we will too.

Consequently, and as one might expect, the costs of this DXpedition are quite high. The team has contributed approximately half of the total cost. Foundations such as NCDXF and INDEXA have been very generous, as have a number of DX Clubs and individuals, and for this generosity, we are deeply grateful!

The particulars of this DXpedition require more "up front" payments than most DXpeditions and we have a "cash flow timing" situation that needs to be addressed. The helicopter contractual agreement requires all charter costs to be paid prior to the conclusion of the project. Many older hams need a mode or band fill from Navassa, but an entire generation has grown up without Navassa being on the air. Hence, it has risen to the #1 Most Wanted on the ClubLog list. If you need Navassa for an all-time new one (ATNO), or for a particular band or mode, we could use your financial help. If you plan to help support the DXpedition, we ask that you do so now, not later.

We have an excellent team of fifteen operators who will be manning eight stations 24 hours/day, dedicated to giving out as many contacts as possible over the two week period.

Your generous financial gift will help insure a most successful DXpedition for all!

Please visit www.navassadx.com for details.

For the KP1-5 Project,
Bob Allphin, K4UEE, president
Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, vice president
Mike Thomas, NA5U, secretary

5R, MADAGASCAR -
Toshi, JA8BMK reports that he will have to postpone his 5R8DX activity (10-25th January, 2015) from Antananarivo, Madagascar, due to the plague prevalence in the area.

FH/HC BEFORE TROMELIN -
During the several hours spent in transit on Mayotte Island, before flying to Tromelin Island, the following members of the FT4TA team did some QSO's. QSL cards for the following should go as follow:
FH/F5CWU : via HC, d/B/Lotw
FH/FM5CD, FH/F5ROP, FH/F4AJQ via F5NQL, d/B
The cards are being to be printed.
All the QSO's will be confirmed automatically via bureau.
Direct cards will be answered some way (SASE + 1 valid IRC or 2 US$)
73 Maurice, F5NQL, KOP team 10

MOUNT VINSON, ANTARCTICA -
Alexei, RV3ARY is planning an attempt to operate from Mount Vinson (WAP MNB-01), Antarctica (grid square EB62), between 24th December 2014 and 03rd January 2015. Battery power with a Windom and Yagi antenna for 20m. Planned frequencies are 7.045, 21.260 and 14.260 MHz. More details to be released closer to the date. [DX-World]

V6, POHNPEI OC-010 -
V63DX and V63ZP activity extension - originally to QRT on 4th December will now go QRT on 8th December. [NG3K]

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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